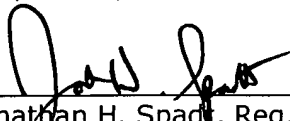


Remarks/Arguments:

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1 through 12 have been canceled and claims 13 through 22 have been added. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment and issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

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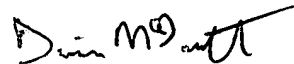
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